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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 5, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WORLDWIDE FIBER NETWORKS OF VIRGINIA, INC. CASE NO. PUC990144

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide facilities-based
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On February 1, 2000, Worldwide Fiber Networks of Virginia, Inc. ("Worldwide Fiber" or "Applicant"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated February 25, 2000, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, which invited interested persons to file comments and request a hearing and directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and, if necessary, file a report.

By Order dated March 16, 2000, the Commission granted Worldwide Fiber's request for an extension of time to publish the notice required by the Commission's February 25, 2000, Order. The Applicant filed its proof of publication and notice on April 14, 2000, and no comments or requests for hearing were received. On April 21, 2000, the Staff filed a report finding that Worldwide Fiber's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers.¹

Based upon its review of Worldwide Fiber's application and the Applicant's responses to Staff data requests, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant an interexchange certificate to Worldwide Fiber.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered Worldwide Fiber's application and the Staff report, is of the opinion and finds that Worldwide Fiber should be granted a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission further finds that Worldwide Fiber may price its interexchange services competitively. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Worldwide Fiber Networks of Virginia, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity,

¹ 20 VAC 5-400-60.

No. TT-91A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Worldwide Fiber shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, Worldwide Fiber may price its interexchange services competitively.

(4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.